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THEY KEEP THE BALL ROLLING



Alumni Association Officers at Business meeting on the occasion of Homecoming. Reading left to right: Rev. Leonard Cross, Mr. Richard F. Scharf, Mr. Otto Birkmeier, Rev. Joseph B. Kenkel (President), Mr. Charles Pirola, Rev. S. H. Ley and Mr. Charles Theime.

Chicago Alumni Plan Holiday Fete

Advancing their regular quarterly meeting date from the last Tuesday of October to Tuesday, October 13, the Cook County Alumni gathered at the Sieben amber-flowing fountain at eight in the evening, and at once got down to some intensive preparations for Homecoming.

Though held in Chicago, that meeting was anything but a blackout. If only nine, including a guest, were present, this was because of the ill-chosen thirteen date. To say the least, the gathering produced Chuck Quirk's station wagon, loaded till the springs swore at the axles with tooting-hooting rooters at the Puma slaughter of Wesleyan.

But the meeting! Sherman (the General) arose to say: Gentlemen, War is . . . I charge you that this year, and every year for the duration, the annual alumni-student holiday banquet be converted into a more modest, juicy dinner for the esoteric only, with this provision that wives and sweethearts be compelled to attend.

Date for the dinner (Cook County, N. B.) is set for Dec.

22. Exact hour and place will be carried in the December CONTACT and in a special letter you will receive.

The Siebens, Clarence and Oscar, with B. B. Lear, Esq., are in charge of arrangements. Faculty, come one, come all, for you always receive a royal welcome from the C. C. A.

Gets Army Wings Dies In Crash

Second Lieutenant Paul A. Stenz, '40, of Elm Grove, Wisconsin, was one of the occupants of the army transport which crashed near Chicago airport Thursday, Oct. 15. He and all the rest were killed.

Enlisting in the army air corps last January, he received his wings only six days before the fatal crash. The plane, which was on routine flight from Sedalia, Mo., burst into flames as soon as it struck the ground. Lieut. Stenz is the first alumnus reported killed in the present war.



LIEUT. STENZ

Alumni Heads Hold Meeting To Discuss Association Needs

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Pumas Take Ill. Wesleyan, 19-7 CLS Presents 'Mary Of Scotland' Celebrates Fiftieth Anniversary

If tire rationing and the spectre of gas shortage did keep many alumni away from Homecoming, Oct. 17, this two-faced ogre did not daunt the officers of the association; in response to the Rev. Joseph B. Kenkel's request they came to a man—all but Ed Fischer, secretary-treasurer, who as Uncle Sam's ace army-officer candidate was part of the reason why Father Kenkel, president, had called the meeting.

Unanimously the officers elected Mr. Richard F. Scharf, '38, assistant coach, to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Fischer. As the present secretary-treasurer is a graduate in accounting, the books are in expert hands.

This election was only the beginning of a two and one-half hour business session during which the following points were enthusiastically discussed and the decisions mentioned reached.

Honor-Roll Plaque Ordered

At the annual alumni meeting in May it was decided to allocate \$100 from the alumni treasury for the purchase of a centrally-located bulletin board on the campus. As the college is purchasing an honor-roll plaque for the chapel, upon which will be inscribed the names of all alumni in the armed service of the country, it was decided to reallocate this amount of \$100 toward the purchase of this plaque.

November 22 has been determined as the day on which the plaque will be unveiled. At the college on that day the second of the High Masses will be sung, according to another decision (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

In a game, the high light of which was three touchdowns in the first half, the St. Joe Pumas payed homage to returning alumni at Homecoming. With second and third-string men substituting during the second half, local gridgers proved that their metal was pure; they kept Ill. Wesleyan from adding to the score they had gathered before the intermission on the 99-yard return of a kickoff by Titan half-back Bill Alkire. 19-7 read the final score, St. Joe winning.

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Scheiber Covers Western Front



LIEUT. DICK SCHEIBER

Dear Editor:

"Five" issues of STUFF have already found their way into my mail box. I find it as hard to lay down as ever," writes the ex-editor-in-chief of the campus weekly, now Ensign Richard M. Scheiber, '41. (U.S.N.R. Aviation Base, T. S. 3 1, Pasco, Washington.)

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Keep News Lines Open

Recently, a service of the American Alumni Council was purchased to facilitate keeping in touch with all the St. Joe men now in the armed forces of the Country. The A. A. C. agrees to collect from the government files the names and addresses of all alumni of a college which subscribes to this service, and to notify the respective college whenever there is a change of address.

In addition to this service, however, we request all alumni who are in the armed forces to notify the alumni editor promptly of their whereabouts and of their changes of address.

Furthermore, we ask all alumni to remind us of the men in uniform so that we may constantly keep in communication with them.

With all these checks, the task of keeping the mailing list up to date will be considerably reduced.

Mums In Season

Mum isn't the word. What we are trying to say with flowers is that much of the credit for the all-time high attendance in the college department this year belongs to alumni who, in response to the request last spring, did promotional work during the summer.

Chrysanthemums are in season. We are not saving ours until the hearse comes 'round.

It Is Yours And Ours

Once upon a time Rensselaer almost got a factory. During the teens of the century four cement-block walls stood out in the northeast section of the town. Without a roof, they grew weather-beaten. They were never used; they were later torn down.

Not so St. Joseph's College. Of what avail would have been the block-stone walls of the Fieldhouse had the undertaking been discontinued before the roof had been put on, before the heating and lighting had been installed, before the basketball floor had been laid. It isn't a factory, but it develops the brawn that is such an essential basis for the brains which are cultivated in the classrooms and laboratories.

A recent visitor remarked: "You people have foresight." If so, it is foresight not only in anticipating the needs of the future, but also in correctly gauging the source from which this one need will be fulfilled.

The Fieldhouse stands completed and in use for the second year. The slightly more than half of the amount required to complete payment for it, loyal sons of St. Joseph's will quickly liquidate.

STUFF And SUCH

OPPORTUNITY IN NAVY

(The following notice is inserted at the request of the Ninth Naval District Public Relations Office, 333 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago.)

Through a newly accelerated officer training program, the Navy is offering enlarged opportunities to college graduates not over 27 years old to become commissioned Naval officers in a special year-end midshipmen's class.

Aside from possessing degrees, applicants must show credit for a year of college mathematics. Men without that, however, may be accepted if they agree to complete such a course, correspondence or by personal attendance, within 90 days after enlistment.

Physical requirements include a minimum height of 5 feet, 4 inches and weight in proportion to height with a minimum of 124 pounds.

Opportunities for a lifetime career in the United States Navy exist in this midshipman training.

Inquiries may be made at any Navy recruiting station.

Both married and single graduates are eligible. Midshipmen completing the instruction successfully will be commissioned as ensigns in the United States Naval Reserve. Those who fail will be discharged to their former civilian status or, if they choose, may remain in the Navy in an enlisted status of their choice and qualification.

IT HAS HAPPENED HERE

That lecture, October 20, of the Rev. Henry Retzek, M. A., of West Union, Minnesota, on Geology, especially in its relation to the age of mankind on earth, wasn't sufficiently publicised. Besides, it came during the week of the first tests.

Father Retzek IS an authority. This, his string of memberships in learned societies alone would suggest. He is a member of The American Association of Advanced Science, the Vienna (Austria) Prehistoric Society, the American Geological Society, and the Minnesota Academy of Science; he is an affiliate of the Society of American Archaeology.

Moreover, Father Retzek knows soil and soil conservation—a very practical field today.

Came the Petrie Novelty Quartet after most of the tests had been given. Although even less publicised, it drew an inspiring (and inspired?) crowd.

COME, COME, CAESAR

Someone remarked that that 13-13 tie with St. Ambrose' Bees was a moral victory. "Vas you der, Charlie?" Student coverage in the campus sheet gave the fourth quarter ENTIRELY to St. Joe. What shall we do—Fire the coach, suspend all the players, or close the college? (Ed's note: Them was bumble bees).

On November 1 the price went up 50c a quart for bonded. And to think that the college expects to harvest more than 12,000 bushels of corn.



Turn Back the Clock

Engaging as are the reminiscences of the Reverend Joseph G. Sailer, a charter member of the first faculty of St. Joseph's, the man himself is even more fascinating.

Father Sailer has a parish with a mission attached at 824 Chatqua Blvd., Valley City, North Dakota. From the elasticity of his step, from the alertness of his mind (he attended a Latin and a Greek class of Father Hartman and quoted from the classic authors freely), from the whole demeanor of the man, that parish and mission are well cared for.

Celebrates Golden Jubilee

On October 18, in the old Motherhouse of the Sisters of the Precious Blood at Maria Stein, Ohio, Father Sailer celebrated his golden jubilee anniversary Mass. "I was in my best voice," he related, "and preached in German and English, a sermon which was full of reminiscences saturated with religious reflections."

St. Joseph's Opens

"Two score and eleven years ago is historic," Father Sailer began, speaking of the opening of the college. "It is the story of the who, the when and the how of the start of this great institution. About the beginning of September, 1891, four of the faculty arrived on the grounds. One, the president, was already here; another, the last of the six, namely myself, came a day later.

"For a week we worked at cleaning up the grounds for the grand opening on the following Sunday. Through the arrangement of Father Dominic Shunk, who was singularly gifted by a Yankee ability for business, special trains were provided to bring hundreds of visitors from Chicago and nearby towns. All day long on that Sunday people were coming and going—a smart piece of advertisement.

"Too young to be ordained, I was sent as a deacon to be a member of that first faculty of six. The others were Fathers Augustine Seifert, President, L. Linder, Stanislaus Neiberg, Benedict Boebner, and Paulinus Trost. I was appointed prefect."

Sorrows of a Prefect

Although that first group of students numbered only twenty-five seculars and about twenty-four religious, Prefect No. 1 characterized his experiences as "The Sorrows of a Prefect." One boy ran away. The others ran away from the disciplinarian. He was instructed by Father August to be with them always, but when they, for example, were permitted to skate on the river, they headed townward, shook off their skates, and dispersed.

OHIO CLERGYMEN ARE PROMOTED



REV. L. A. MOSSING.

Leaving St. Paul's Norwalk, Ohio, where he had been second-assistant pastor for about two years, the Rev. Lawrence A. Mossing, '32, has been appointed assistant at St. Joseph's parish, Tiffin. While at St. Paul's, Father Mossing was zealously engaged in the high school curricular and extra-curricular activities, in organizing and promoting Catholic Action Cells, and in the regular parish work. Pupils found his athletic interests much to their advantage. He left St. Paul's with the friendship and esteem of all.



REV. A. C. PESSEFALL.

Ordained in 1920, the Rev. Albert C. Pessefall, '14, for the past six years pastor of St. James parish, Toledo, received the appointment to the pastorate of St. Paul's, Norwalk, Ohio, in September. He was solemnly installed before the ten-thirty Mass, Sunday, Sept. 6. Two days earlier, at a reception, he was welcomed by his future parishioners, by a representative of the mayor of the city in behalf of the townspeople, and by the Reverend Thomas J. Quinlan, '08, pastor of St. Mary's Norwalk, in behalf of the clergy.

Alumni Response Is Requested To Complete Honor-Roll List

To help complete the list of alumni serving in the armed forces, the following names are printed. Please check the list and send in any names that have been missed:

CHAPLAINS: Chief of Chaplains William R. Arnold, Robert Baird, Thomas Coleman, Gilbert F. Esser, Ferdinand Evans, Clement Falter, Arthur Froehle, Kenneth O. Hans, Walter F. Junk, Vincent Mallifsk, Edward Moorman, Norbert Missler, Aloys Phillips, Lawrence Schmieder, Stephen Tatar, Frederick Westendorf, Karl Wuest, Urban Wurm.

Michael W. Altpeter, Sidney Anderson, Thomas M. Anderson, Richard J. Aubry, Edward C. Baltz, Paul H. Banet, Lawrence L. Bechler, Philibert Berg, John Bivenour, Carroll Blackwell, Carl Boehlein, Raymond Boland, W. G. Bonvouloir, Andrew G.

Bourdow, Norman Bowman, Wendell Bowman, John Brunner, Henry F. Bucher, Donald Blume, Joseph Brungardt.

William Cahill, Donald Casey, Robert Cashman, John C. Cashman, Thomas Cassady, E. Newton Clark, James L. Connor, Donald P. Conaway, Robert Conley, Joseph Cooper, Paul Couzins, Richard Cropley.

Luke Daniel, Daniel Delaney, William C. Dieruf, Norbert F. Dreiling, William Duffy, Harold Du Plain, Vern Emmens.

John Fehrenbacher, Edward Finan, Clinton D. Firestone, Edward A. Fischer, John Fischer, Frederick F. Follmer, Jacob Forwith, Edward Furmanek.

William Geis, Jr., Arthur Gilpin, Joseph Gigandet, Albert Glueckert, Jr., William Glueckert, Edward G. Grober, Alvy Golay, Robert H. Gutting.

Richard Haffner, Joseph G.

Father Meinrad B. Koester, C. PP. S., died suddenly this morning, Nov. 5. Further details in next issue. R. I. P.

LOUISVILLE, KY.—Graduating with high honors in the Marine Corps' aviation machinist school at the Jacksonville, Fla., station was Paul Volk Hayden, '38, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar C. Hayden. He enlisted in the Marines in January.

Hagstrom, Charles Hankish, Francis Harrington, Carl Harrison, Robert Hatton, Remi Heynen, Calud Hisey, Francis Hodous, Joseph Hund.

David Jones, Raymond Jurcich.

William J. Kaiser, Edward Kasper, Dominic Kastre, Joseph Keane, Joseph R. Kennedy, William C. Kerr, Luke Knapke, Robert Knipper, George Kochis, William Kozielski.

John LaBadie, William Lahey, Nicholas J. Lauber, James Lavelle, Joseph Leugers, Henry Leugers, Paul Linehan, George Lundy.

John McCarthy, Edward McKeever, Ralph McLochlin, M. D., Kenneth Marlin, Paul L. Massa, Alvin Mermis, John A. Metzner, Paul Monastyrski, Raymond J. Monjon, Andre Mongeau, Woodford Moore, Norbert Murphy.

Ben C. Nance, Richard Nee, Thaddeus Nowak.

Robert O'Neil, Edward O'Reilly, Ralph D. O'Riley (reported missing), Francis Otto.

Charles Peitz, William Peitz, Anthony Poncevic.

Harry Raterman, Leonard P. Reichlin, Edward Resetar, Thomas Ritter, George H. Rodman, M. D., James Rugen.

Charles Saurer, James Schaleman, Edward J. Schmidt, Richard Scheiber, Nicholas Scollard, Donald Seufert, Joseph H. Seyfried, Daniel Shaffer, Vincent J. Shank, Carl Shank, John Sheetz, Charles Simms, Carl G. Smith, Theodore N. Staudt, Paul Stenz (killed), Michael Stohr, William Storey, Charles D. Sudrovech, August Sunagel, John Svienty, Charles Sweet.

Firman Thompson, Stephen Toth.

Gerard I. Uhrich.

Robert E. Verpaele, Lester Voge.

William C. Wall, Clarence S. Walter, Joseph C. Walter, Robert E. Whelan, Paul Wiesner, Theodore Wilk, Theodore Wlekinski.

Jerome Yocis, Frank Young, George Ziesenhene.

THE ROUNDUP

by



Coach Joe Dienhart

Action all the way through is November's contribution to the Athletic Department. Along with closing the football season by playing St. Norbert, Butler and Valparaiso, we will also train and have ready a basketball squad for its first encounter on Dec. 4 with Chicago Teachers in their gym.

To date, the football team is undefeated; however, St. Ambrose had a good third quarter, scoring thirteen points for a tie. Previously, we defeated Illinois Normal, 18-7; Loras, 19-0; and Illinois Wesleyan, 19-7. Last Saturday we beat Indiana State, 19-7.

With Seniors Stan Lapsys, Pete Varini, and Curly Wisniewski closing their football careers at St. Joe, we have an excellent backfield this season. Ted Swierczek and George Ellspermann are also giving a fine exhibition of football.

Basketball games during the first part of December are as follows: Dec. 4, Chicago Teachers, there; Dec. 7, Arkansas State, here; Dec. 10, Illinois Wesleyan, here; Dec. 12, Indiana Central, here. The latter was conference champion last year.

Lieut. R. O'Riley Reported Missing

RENSSELAER, OCT. 19.—Lieutenant Ralph D. (Buck) O'Riley, '35, of the United States flying forces operating in the Aleutian Islands, is listed as missing in action following an engagement last Thursday.

Having completed his college work at St. Joseph's and Indiana University, Lieutenant O'Riley was employed as a sales representative for the International Business Machines Corporation before he entered the armed forces October 1, 1941. He was commissioned as a Lieutenant on April 29. He was flying an Army B-26 bomber.

Lieut. Jerry Yocis Is Kept Occupied

Men in the armed forces of good old U. S. A. preserve a sense of humor. Listen to Lieut. Jerry Yocis, '40: "Since we lack our quota of officers the few of us have more than our duty to perform. A summary of what keeps me occupied consists of the following: Company Commander, Personnel Adjutant, Postal Officer, and Regimental Athletic Officer. That's all."

Lieut. Yocis is still "treading that part of mother earth leased to Uncle Sam, and referred to as the States." Toward the middle of September he was assigned to a cadre which has activated a new unit, while the organization from which he departed was taking steps in preparation for foreign service. (Lieut. Jerome C. Yocis, 37th Engineers (C), Camp Beale, Calif.)

ALUMNI HEADS HOLD MEETING

(Continued From Page One) made at the spring annual meeting that three High Masses be offered each year for all alumni in the armed forces.

This fact evoked an inspiration to suggest through CONTACT that on November 22 or on some other more convenient date soon thereafter, local chapters of the alumni association have a Mass offered for the men in the armed forces, at which the members of these chapters receive Holy Communion and, if possible, hold a breakfast meeting afterward.

Remember Fighting Friends

Men in the armed forces are busy men. Their facilities for writing and their time for it are not as conducive as ours. The officers suggest that all of us, whether we hear from them or not, write to the men in service, particularly to classmates and members of local chapters. (For that reason, CONTACT gives their complete address whenever this is possible).

Not only CONTACT but also the campus weekly, **Stuff**, is being mailed gratis to all the men in service. This decision of the college authorities met with the hearty second of the alumni-association officers.

With the passing of years the original Constitution of the Alumni Association stands in need of extensive revision. The matter was introduced and discussed without any definite ac-

tion being taken. It is a point to bring up at the annual meeting.

The letter which all members of the alumni association have received relative to the growing fund for the complete paying off of the Fieldhouse debt was the final point of discussion by the assembled officers.

PUMAS AND C. L. S. ENTERTAIN ALUMNI

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After that the dance. Nimble-toed youngsters from '96 and '42 mingled on the floor of the Rensselaer Armory, the walls of which had been artfully decorated with patriotic drapes and festoons. So ended the first day.

C. L. S. Entertains Sunday

Sunday afternoon at two o'clock the Columbian Literary Society presented that Broadway success, "Mary of Scotland." It was a success, too, under the capable direction of Dr. Paul F. Speckbaugh, in the campus theatre.

Sophomore John McCabe of Harvard, Ill., playing the male

lead beside the outstanding Mary Cengel, amateur C. Y. O. actress from Whiting, Ind., artfully impersonated the dauntless James Hepburn, Earl of Bothwell. These two sustained a well-picked cast.

At 5:30, the CLS rounded out its fifty years existence at a banquet in one of the college dining halls. There, charter members, directors, presidents, present members, and guests of the organization first feasted of the college's bounty, then drank the sagacity and wit of the after-dinner speakers.

Father Aloys Dirksen, college president, welcomed the guests most cordially. Mr. Leo Gross of Gary, a charter member of the dramatic society, recalled many a forgotten incident of the dim early years. Father Ildephonse Rapp, for twenty-eight years director of the thespians, reminisced on his experiences as director, as student actor, and as later loyal supporter.

With the introducing of all past presidents of the CLS who could be present, Homecoming 1942 came to a happy ending.

Pastor Of Colored Seventeen Years

Some men build monuments out of brick and stone; others build them of the hearts of mankind. Of the latter type was the Rev. Joseph M. Bryan, '06,



FATHER BRYAN

who was ordained to the priesthood in 1912 by Bishop Chartland in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis.

Six years later Father Bryan founded St. Rita's parish, the first Catholic parish for negroes in Indianapolis. For seventeen years he expanded ordinary human energy with Christ-like zeal for these too-often neglected lovers of the Master. In 1935 he was appointed pastor of St. Augustine Church, Jeffersonville, Ind.

On Thursday, October 15, a modern Apostle of the Indies went to a glorious reward.

Writes From Camp

Happily, it is now possible to give VOC Edward Fischer's definite address. He is in the 33rd Inf. Trn. Bn., Co. D., 2nd Platoon, Camp Croft, South Carolina.

Ed writes: "This life of pitching pup tents, lunging with bayonets and slipping into gas masks is a far cry from typewriters, and deadlines, and class schedules.

"However, I'll probably be riding herd again on a typewriter before the week is up. A Lieutenant asked me to join the staff of 'The Firing Line, publication of the 33rd Battalion.

(Ed. note—The challenge remains open. Weapon, that typewriter of the F. L.).

FATHER MURESAN IS ORDAINED



RECEIVING DISTINCTIVE GARB of a Byzantine rite priest—the stole—is the Rev. George C. Muresan, 1931-1936, (kneeling), pictured as he was ordained in St. John's Cathedral, Homestead, Pa., by the Most Rev. Basil Takach, Bishop of Zela and Ordinary of the Pittsburgh Greek rite diocese. As part of the ordination ceremony, Father Muresan took the oath of obedience in English to Pope Pius XII and to Bishop John F. Noll, of Fort Wayne, Ind., in whose diocese he will labor. The new priest studied under the Benedictines in St. Meinrad's abbey, St. Meinrad, Ind. A member of the Rumanian Greek Catholic rite, he said his first Mass in vernacular Rumanian in St. Nicholas' (Rumanian Greek Catholic) church, East Chicago, Ind., his native city. There are 1,500,000 Rumanian Byzantine Catholics.—(Eastern Observer photo).